









W. B. HAIGH, general commission agent, 120, King street East.



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 11 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
 12 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.

**DIARY.**  
 May 17. 10 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
 11 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
 12 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.

**GRAND SOUTHERN RAILWAY.**  
 May 17. 10 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
 11 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
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**SYDNEY STATION—Down Trains.**  
 May 17. 10 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
 11 a.m. N.W. Wind. Fresh breeze, sea. Strong drift, ditto.  
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**CAMPBELLTOWN STATION—Up Trains.**  
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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**  
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**THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.**  
 Wednesday, May 18, 1859.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1859.**

**It is of great importance that our laws should be discussed, and that measures of public policy should be turned round and round before the Assembly which is to decide upon them.**

**It is not to discussion that we object, when fairly conducted, and for a legitimate end. A dumb Legislature is not more desirable than a dumb Club; but the abuse of liberty of speech is first an injury, then an annoyance, then a nuisance, and then an intolerable tyranny, and the reaction against it gives unnatural charms to silence.**

**It must not be forgotten that our late Assembly occupied twelve months in session, and that it was chiefly employed in discussions of no great practical interest. Not that the subjects submitted to the House were improper, or that the resolutions moved were not demanded; in many instances they could not have been omitted without injury to the public, but some were frivolous and impertinent. They were offered merely as the justification of a speech, and the speech itself was designed for an object distinct from that of the resolution. We shall not point out who were the great offenders; we leave that to the judgment of the country.**

**We are far from meaning to suggest that these, whose names have appeared most frequently in our columns, are necessarily the most culpable. There are some men who contrive in five minutes to express themselves pertinently on a question of temporary interest. They have something to say, and they say it; but there are others, who get upon their feet without the slightest notion of what they are to offer for the information of the Assembly. They cast about not only for language, but also for ideas, during the length of their dreary addresses, and often conclude a long harangue which seems to have had no other object than to inform the House that they had nothing to say.**

**That this evil is not uncommonly the attendant of deliberative assemblies may be gathered from their history everywhere. The violent and tumultuous debates of the French Convention grew into a nuisance so intolerable that M. Sieyès, the famous constructor of constitutions, proposed and obtained the adoption of a scheme which assigned discussion to one body of men, and voting to another. Thus those who discussed a law before the legislature, were not permitted to vote, and those who voted were not permitted to speak—so extreme was the remedy suggested by a man who had been strongly attached to liberty, to get rid of endless and pointless verbosity.**

**In subsequent times speeches were read in the French Assembly. It was clear that men would be less likely to extend their speeches if they were compelled first to write them out, and that the act of writing would lead to a condensation of their thoughts. Nor would there be those interruptions and breaks in their oratory so painful to the listener and so improvident of time. Of course such a scheme was dull and unimpressive—tending to dwarf their powers of oratory, and to deprive the legislative body of what might be a very high attraction to itself as well as a popular charm—free, impassioned, and earnest eloquence.**

**The forms of our Legislative Assemblies have been designed to secure free discussion and at the same time to limit as much as possible its abuse. To know, however, whether any man has anything worth hearing, it is necessary first to hear him, and to protect him against uncivil interruptions. A large body like the House of Commons, can institute a sort of police by which those who are put down, and even the House of Commons has sometimes utterly failed, for if a man be resolute he may occupy the floor of the House as often and as long as the PREMIER himself, although not five people are desirous of hearing him. Mr. ANSTEV, a young man of considerable ability, notwithstanding, and an Australian, was considered one of this description. His perseverance in the House of Commons made him famous. There was no cure for it; he could not**

be put down. The next best thing was thought of, and he received an appointment under the Government of Hong Kong. It is possible that our pernicious man might obtain a similar advantage in our local legislature, for there are few appointments not endangering life and limb, the emoluments of which we should not have been content to bestow as the price of hearing for the last time some who have been conspicuous in our legislatures. It is in the power of a few men to weary out a whole people, and to induce them to part with their liberties.

Debating schools generally limit their speakers to so many minutes, and in public meetings for religious objects there are often intimations given that it is necessary to be "short." Once on such an occasion a speaker cut short could not express his mortification and his disgust.

"I am thankful," he said, "that there is no clock in heaven, and that there will be no brother to tap me on the shoulder and say, 'That short, brother, it is past nine o'clock.' That was a comfort to the speaker. To the hearers it was no small comfort that at least it was permitted to speak hereafter, he would say something worth hearing.

Our Assembly often intimated its weariness. A general conversation frequently took place, and the SPEAKER only was attentive. Often the benches are deserted, and in the midst of an oration, perhaps in its most touching part, a member stands up like an angel of death, and calls the attention of the SPEAKER to the state of the House, and, as if struck with mortal silence, the half-uttered words of the speaker are lost.

It is no doubt from the impossibility of conducting public business without some restriction upon this license of speech, that the Legislature of the United States has set apart one time for the business of talking, and the other for the business of voting; the first for the advantage of the orator, and the second for the benefit of the country.

It has been often stated that if the deliberations took place with closed doors, the oratory would be very much abridged, and the progress of public business promoted. The reporting of speeches doubtless stimulates speaking, and induces men to be very indifferent to the reception which they may receive from the Assembly, consoled as they are by the idea that their addressing Congress will answer all their cares."

It is a delicate task between the direct implication which it is necessary to maintain and the supply of readable matter to the public. There is therefore a chronic feud between our speakers and the reporters, and we regret to say that many who have occupied much of the public time, and who think themselves qualified to enlighten the public by their oratory, are without gentlemanly feeling or regard for truth. We know from our own personal knowledge and hearing that repeatedly things have been denied to have been spoken, which have not only been uttered, but have been known to have been so by the greater part of those who have sat in silence and permitted the denial—who surrendered the reporters to most scandalous insults, and suffered the country to believe what they knew to be a mean calumny.

Those who are anxious to preserve the freedom of debate, should use their influence as much as possible to restrict it to legitimate purposes, and not to convert it into an intolerable burden, from which there is no refuge but in universal silence.

**THE BANK RETURNS.**  
 No. II.  
 The aggregate amounts of paid-up capital, of dividends, and of reserved profits in all our eight banks, during each of the last five quarters, were—

**Capital, Dividend, Reserve.**  
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Erbank's Patent Hats.  
 On account of whom it may concern.  
 Sir Cassar, from London.  
 Damaged by sea water.

**BOWDEN and THRELKELD** will sell by  
 auction, at the City Mart, **THIS DAY, Wed-  
 nesday, 18th instant, at 11 o'clock.**  
 O in diamond, Nos. 1 to 100,  
 63 keys Erbank's patent nails:

| Nos. | 1 to 8 - 11   | 54 | Much.  | Wight. |
|------|---------------|----|--------|--------|
| Nos. | 8 to 16 - 14  | 54 | 6 bags | ..     |
| 9    | 16 to 24 - 14 | 4  | 6      | ..     |
| 17   | 24 to 32 - 14 | 7  | 8      | ..     |
| 34   | 32 to 38 - 10 | 8  | 7      | ..     |
| 39   | 40 to 48 - 9  | 7  | 1      | ..     |
| 41   | 48 to 56 - 9  | 10 | 1      | ..     |
| 61   | 56 to 64 - 12 | 7  | 4      | ..     |
| 62   | 64 to 72 - 24 | 17 | 4      | ..     |

|           |      |    |         |         |
|-----------|------|----|---------|---------|
| 71 to 85  | — 3  | 53 | 0       | 2       |
| 85 to 97  | — 34 |    | 0       | 2       |
| 97 to 99  | — 4  |    | 2       | 2       |
| 99 to 97  | — 5  |    | 2       | 1       |
| 97 to 97  | — 5  |    | 2       | 1       |
| 98 to 100 | — 6  |    | 2       | 1       |
|           |      |    | 51 kegs | 35 kegs |

Terms at sale.

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To Block and Mast Makers  
 Ship Chandlers  
 Shipowners, Captains, and others.

Single and Double Blocks, 3 to 15 inch  
 Ditto and ditto Patent Roller 4 to, 4 to 16 inch  
 Patent Roller Dock Blocks, 12 and 14 inch  
 Ash Pearl Trunk, 2, 24, 32 inch

L. O. Caulking and Horsing Mallets  
Bickory Big Hanks, 10 to 33 inch  
Lignum Vitæ Leading Trucks, 5 to 4 inch  
Ditto Pair Leaders, 2 to 4 inch  
Ditto Heats, 3 to 6 inch  
Ditto Bull's Eyes, 4 to 6 inch  
Ditto Dead Ends, 6 to 9 inch  
Ditto Sister Blocks, 7 1/2 to 10 inch.

**B**OWDEN and THRELKELD have re-  
ceived instructions to sell by auction, at the  
City Mart, THIN DAY, 18th instant,  
4 hogheads ship chandlery, as above.  
Terms at sale.

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Portions of the Cargoes ex Flying Fish, and Pilot, from  
Robert Tamm  
Superior broad 5-foot Box Palliars

Ditto Dingo 6-foot ditto  
Shingles, finest description.  
Ex Wellington—  
Inch T and G Yellow Pine Flooring Boards  
Inch Tough Yellow Pine Boards  
Emigrants' Fittings and Surplus Stores.  
On Account of whom it may concern.  
Ex Auckland—  
Galvanized Corrugated Iron, bundles Sheet Iron.  
Important to Builders, Contractors, Timber Merchants,  
Ironmongers, Ship Chandlers, and others.

For Positive Unreserved Sale, on **WEDNESDAY**  
**AFTERNOON**, at half-past 2 o'clock.  
**BOWDEN** and **THREKELD** have re-  
ceived instructions to sell by auction, on  
Messrs. Macnamara, Son, and Co's Wharf, Viaduct

THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 3

**Ex Flying Fish—**  
1030 bundles superior shingles  
10,800 palings, 5 feet (best quality).

**Ex Pilot—**  
2000 palings, 6 feet  
5600 ditto, 5 ditto.

**Ex Wellington—**  
Best 1-inch T. and G. yellow pine flooring boards  
7 x 1, 15, 30, and 32 feet long.  
Best 1-inch rough yellow pine boards, ditto ditto.  
Ex Antelope (on account of whom it may concern)—  
10 cases galvanized corrugated iron, 34 gauge, long  
lengths, there is more on demand.  
20 bundles sheet iron, ditto ditto. Also,  
Emigrant's fittings and surplus stores, ex Wellington.  
Terms at sale.

Erwbank's Patent Nails.  
 On account of whom it may concern.  
 Ex Canaan, from London.

**BOWDEN and THREKELD** will sell by  
 auction, **THIS DAY**, at the City Mart, at 11  
 o'clock,  
 O in diamond, Nos. 1-1000  
 80 kegs Erwbank's patent nails, 1½ to 6 inch.  
 Terms at sale.

Old Metal.

**BOWDEN and THREKELD** will sell by  
 auction, at the City Mart, on **THURSDAY**  
 next, at 11 o'clock,  
 About 15 cwt. of old metal.

Terms at sale.

The British-built Barque **PROWING BEAUTY**, as she now lies at the East end of the Circular Quay, with all her Gear, Boats, Stores, &c.

**BOWDEN** and **THRELKELD** have received instructions to offer by public auction, at the City Mart, 262, George-street, on **THURSDAY**, May 19th, at 11 o'clock.

The fast-sailing and substantially British-built barque **PURVIS**, of 300 TONS, 300 tons register, will carry over 800 tons, coppered and copper fastened, built at North Hylton, Durham, by one of the first builders of English clip ships; the planking of hard wood, and securely fastened with iron knees, over which are iron riders from deck to flooring, fixed in a very sub-

stantial manner; the vessel being built for the express purpose of carrying copper ore. Her dimensions are 17 feet deep, 36 feet wide, 98 feet 6 inches long, 31 feet beam; height between decks, 4 feet 6 inches; has 2 feet of a pump, 36 feet long; draught of water, 18 feet; was coppered with Manilla metal in October, 1856, and recased at Lloyd's in the same year.

The masts, yards, rigging, &c., are in excellent order; and the vessel could be fitted out for a voyage to any part of the world in 48 hours.

An inventory of her stores can be seen at the City Market.

For particulars as to purchase, or particulars invited to inspect this fine vessel, prior to the sale, as no demand happens such a ship is offered at auction in this market.

Terms at sale.

Three Small Dwelling Houses on the west side of Catherine-street, with entrance on the north side of E. 369, and on the west side of Head's, the builder, on 2000 south of Bathurst-street.

These Houses are erected of wood, with shingled roofs, and are built in a line running east and west. The one nearest to Catherine-street is let at nine shillings per week; the middle one at ten shillings, and the one at the western end and produces six shillings; total, twenty-five shillings per week. Water laid on to the yard for the use of the tenants. The frontage to Catherine-street is built upon.

A small Plan will be exhibited at the City Mark.

**B**OWDEN and THRELKELD are instructed to sell the above freehold property, at the City Mart, 562, George-street, on THURSDAY, the 19th of

Terms at sale.  
Sale of Old Stores.

Military Store Office, Sydney, 16th March, 1893.

**MESSERS. BOWDIN AND THREKELD**  
have been instructed to sell by auction, at the Military Store (Commisariat), Lower George-street, on **FRIDAY MORNING** the 20th instant, at 10 a.m.,  
A quantity of old and condemned war department stores, consisting of  
Circular tents, black leather ponches, buff leather belts, and slings, old wrought and cast iron, old pewter, pieces of gunny and canvas, and washed cloth, and other miscellaneous articles.

And at the same place, on account of the Government of Victoria,

205 bunch blanket, 205 bunch canvas, and 40 lbs.

Terms, cash.  
 Preliminary Notice.  
 Groceries, Olmsted's Stores, &c.  
 FRIDAY next, the 30th instant.  
 To Grocers, Speculators, and others.  
**BOWDEN and THREKELD** will sell by  
 auction, at the City Mart, on FRIDAY next,  
 at 11 o'clock,  
 Several invoices of groceries, comprising  
 Bottled fruits, salt, rice, currants  
 Pickles, sauces, jams, salad oil, oysters  
 Salmon, &c., &c. &c.

Full particulars in to-morrow's issue.  
Sails, ex Brighton.

On Smith's Wharf, on **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**, at half-past 2 o'clock.

To Ship Chandlers, Shipowners, Dealers, and others.

**BOWDEN and THRELKELD** will sell by  
auction, on Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point, on  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**, at half-past 2 o'clock,  
2 pairs of topicals, 2 main royals  
1 fore royal, 4 topmast staysails  
3 top-gallant sails, 2 spankers  
2 main and 1 fore royal, 2 foretopsails  
2 forecrosstails, 1 jib, 1 mizzen  
1 fore topmast (new), 1 foretopmast (old)  
1 forecrosstail, 2 main topicals, &c., &c.

**Terms of sale.**







